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SUMMARY THE VISIT OF IRVING BROWN AND HENOCH MENDELSUND TO
DENMARK HELPED STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
AMERICAN AND DANISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS AND LAID THE
FOUNDATION FOR WHAT IS HOPED WILL BE FURTHER DIALOGUE AND
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CLOSER COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

1) THE VISIT OF THE AFO-CIO'S EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN, ACCCOMPANIED BY ILGW INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE HENOC MENDULSUND, TO DENMARK AUGUST 23 TO 26 WAS IMPORTANT IN STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AFO-CIO AND THE DANISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO). BOTH MR. BROWN AND MR. MENDELSUND WERE OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH DANISH TRADE UNION LEADERS. THEY FELT THAT THEIR MORE THAN THREE-HOUR LUNCHEON WITH DAISH LO PRESIDENT THOMAS NIELSEN AND THE OTHER MEETINGS THEY HAD HERE GAVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A COMPLETE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THEIR ORGANIZATIONS. MR. BROWN MADE IT CLEAR TO EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT HE HOPED FOR A CONTINUING PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE DANISH TRADE UNION LEADERS AND THEY, INTURN, HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY FULLY SHARE MR. BROWN'S ASSESSMENT OF THE MEETINGS AND HIS HOPE FOR A CONTINUING PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE.

2) COMMENT: INCREASED CONTACT BETWEEN RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR DANISH COUNTERPARTS IS ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES THIS EMBASSY HOPES TO PROMOTE. WE BEIEVE THAT THE BROWN-MENDULSUND VISIT IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF CONTACT WHICH CAN LEAD TO A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP AND BETTER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND DANISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS.

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